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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

This monthly e-newsletter will serve as an informational tool to keep you posted on a number of the many current news and happenings in our community as well as throughout Howard County. Feel free to send information to be considered for inclusion.

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

Board Vacancy Information

The following site lists various board vacancies in Howard County:

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.
htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm)

Howard County Council Seeks County Auditor

The Howard County Council is seeking a County Auditor. To view the County Auditor job description click here: [County Auditor](#)

Participate in the Vision of Columbia Town Center!

General Growth Properties in partnership with Howard Community College are sponsoring a speaker series on the future of downtown Columbia. Please join Adam Lerner, Ph.D., Executive Director of The Laboratory of Art and Ideas at Belmar and our community on

January 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Howard Community College's Smith Theatre. RSVP 877-311-2944 or rsvp@generalgrowth.com. Seating is limited.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree through Howard County's "Merry Mulch" Program

The Howard County Government is offering a variety of Christmas tree recycling options. Beginning January 2 and continuing through January 19, Christmas trees may be recycled seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at several drop-off sites throughout Howard County. All recycled trees are delivered to a compost facility and transformed into compost and mulch.

Eastern County residents with yard trimmings collection may set their Christmas trees out on regular curbside recycling days between January 2 and 19. If your tree is taller than 4 feet, it must be cut down to four feet in order for it to be placed at curbside.

Below you will find a list of all drop-off sites including the Alpha Ridge Landfill which is open only 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

****Please Note**:** Flocked trees, ones with fake snow sprayed on them may not be recycled. All decorations, including lights, and tree stands must be removed before recycling. After January 19, when the recycling sites have stopped accepting Christmas trees and curbside tree collection is no longer an option, you can still bring your Christmas tree to the Alpha Ridge Landfill Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Clarksville: Kendall Hardware, 12260 Rt. 108
 River Hill Garden Center, 12165 Rt. 108

Columbia: Cedar Lane Park, 5081 Cedar Lane

Grandfather's Garden Center, 5320 Phelps Luck Drive (East of Rt. 29, near Rt. 108)

Elkridge: Rockburn Park, 5400 Landing Road

Ellicott City: Small Circuit Court parking lot on upper Courthouse Drive (just past Ellicott Mills Drive on the right-hand side)

Glenwood: Glenwood Park, 14675 Carrs Mill Road
Glenwood Gardens, 2945 Rt. 97

Highland: Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Road

Marriottsville: Alpha Ridge Landfill Residents' Convenience Center, 2350 Marriottsville Road

Savage: Savage Park, 8400 Fair Street

CA Offers Scholarships for Community Service Efforts

The Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award is awarded each year to Columbia high school seniors who have shown extraordinary dedication to performing community service. Up to six \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who live on CA-assessed property or have a parent working full time on CA-assessed property, have a minimum of a "C" average, and have a demonstrated history of voluntary service to the Columbia community.

Applications are available at local high schools, Columbia's community centers and the Columbia Association headquarters or can be downloaded at www.columbiaassociation.com on the "For Teens & Tots" page. Applicants must submit a completed application by March 1. For more information call 410-715-3175.

The National Security Agency's Gifted and Talented Program Applicants Needed

The National Security Agency offers a High School Gifted and Talented Program which allows High School Juniors and Seniors enhance their math and science skill sets with valuable work experience.

To apply, please go to www.nsa.gov

Click on: Apply Online

Go to: View Job Posting

Click on: Apply for Job

You are only allowed 30-45 minutes after clicking on Apply for Job (this is required for the High School GT program as well) to fill out the online application and this includes attaching your resume. You should have your resume ready in a Word document to cut and paste it into the application.

Once you have read and filled out all the necessary information, Please call 1-866-672-4473 to verify that they received your application.

The NSA will then give you an address to send your letters of recommendation, transcripts and any other documentation that is required for this process.

If you need to call after 5:00 p.m., please use the email address instead to get a response from NSA to your questions after hours.

**Applications Sought For Howard County Economic
Development Authority Scholarship**

The Howard County Economic Development Authority's Committee for Business and Economic Diversity is accepting applications for the \$1,000 Earl H. Saunders Entrepreneurial Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is a member of a minority group, a woman, and/or disabled and who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by starting a small business, assisting an existing business or developing an invention targeted toward business.

Applications must be received by March 9th.

For more information, please call 410-313-6550.

Sign Up For the "Greenovation": An Expo for the Home

On **Tuesday, January 16** the Green Building Institute is sponsoring an introductory class on Passive Solar Design. What is passive solar design?

Passive solar design takes advantages of the sun's energy for heating, cooling and day-lighting spaces within buildings, homes and structures. This comprehensive introductory seminar will discuss: benefits of passive solar design, healthier indoor air quality, lower energy bills, increased freedom from utilities, low maintenance and reduced operating costs and repairs, and sunny interiors & open floor plans. The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration check-in is from 6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The seminar modules will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information and registration please visit www.greenbuildinginstitute.org or you may call the institute at 443-733-1234.

Career Academics at Howard County Public Schools

The Career and Technology Education office will be hosting an informational meeting on the high school Career Academics program on **Monday, January 29, 2007 at Long Reach High School**. The sessions will offer an overview of the Career Academics program and

brief information on the 22 academies. The academies offer coursework in the following career cluster areas: Architecture & Engineering, Biotechnology and Health Services, Business & Entrepreneurship, Career and Multimedia Arts and Technology. Staff will be available to answer any question all the academies.

Lunch and Recess Monitor Needed at Stevens Forest Elementary School

Stevens Forest Elementary School has a vacancy for a lunch and recess monitor. The hours and schedule of the position are very flexible in nature. Lunch and recess monitors only work days that school is in session for children. Also, the hours are between 11:15 – 2:00 pm. The pay is \$8.70 per hour. If interested in the position full time (every school day) or would like to serve as a lunch and recess monitor substitute (work as needed), please contact Mrs. Thompson or Mr. Morris at 410-313-6900. Training will be provided.

Parent Orientation for Gifted and Talented Education

Parents are invited to an information session for the Gifted and Talented Independent Research and Intern/Mentor Program at the Oakland Mills High School Media Center on January 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Parents will learn about this enriching program from present and former students of the GT program, as well as, how your child can become a part of this outstanding educational opportunity. For more information, contact Vincent James at 410-313-6949 or vincent_james@hcpss.org.

Build Your Leadership Skills and Make a Difference in Your Community

Attention parents! Is your child is currently a high school sophomore who wants to make a difference in the community? Maybe they

should consider joining students from all over the county for a unique experience that will take place from August through November of their junior year. They will spend 4 months learning about their community, building leadership skills and working on a service project that their team will design and implement.

Come hear recent Leadership U graduates share their experiences at our information sessions to be held on Sunday, **Feb. 4, 2007** from 2:30-3:30 pm at the Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library (2350 State Route 97, Glenwood) and Monday, **Feb. 12, 2007**, from 7:30-8:30 pm at East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library (6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia). If either of these dates is cancelled due to inclement weather, a make-up session will be held at Leadership Howard County offices on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 from 2:30-3:30pm. Interested parents and high school sophomores are encouraged to attend.

Information and applications for Leadership U 2007 are now available on our website www.leadershiphc.org or from the guidance office. The application deadline is March 9, 2007.